

WERE ANY OF THE BUMSTEADS FROM THE WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACKS, DAD?

WELL, YES.

THERE WAS ONE BRANCH IN PARTICULAR WHERE ALL THE KIDS WERE ROUGH, TOUGH, AND MEAN.

HOW DID THEY GET TO BE THAT WAY?

WHEN THEY WERE BABIES, THEIR PARENTS MADE THEM WEAR BURLAP DIAPERS.

WHAT IF HE SAYS I NEED READING GLASSES?

JUST RELAX, TED

BESIDES, IF YOU'RE REALLY AFRAID OF LOOKING OLD, I'D BE MORE CONCERNED WITH THOSE WORRY LINES ON YOUR FOREHEAD

VISION SOLUTIONS

CHEAP PLOY

AHH, BUT AN EFFECTIVE ONE

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Panel 1: A man and a woman are talking. The man says, "DON'T KNOW CHRISTMAS IS OVER".

Panel 2: The man is putting a mistletoe on the woman's head.

Panel 3: The man is holding the woman's hand.

Panel 4: The man is looking at the woman with a mischievous expression. The woman says, "WHEN YOUR MISTLETOE CAN'T DRAW FIRE HIGHER THAN A KNUCKLE".

A six-panel comic strip. Panel 1: A boy in a winter hat asks Santa Claus, "I JUST BOOKED A FLIGHT TO THE NORTH POLE CAN YOU GET ME TO THE AIRPORT?". Panel 2: Santa Claus replies, "I can't drive yet". Panel 3: The boy asks, "why don't you just catch a cab?". Panel 4: Santa Claus, wearing a doctor's coat and stethoscope, says, "YOU BELIEVE IN ME, DOCTOR APPLEBY". Panel 5: Santa Claus, still in his Santa suit, says, "CAB DRIVERS CAN'T SEE ME. THEY'LL JUST DRIVE ON BY". Panel 6: The boy, looking thoughtful, says, "Funny my dad complains about the same thing!".

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YOU CAN SEE ME

SCRATCH MY BACK JUST A TEENSY BIT?

OOOOH... A LITTLE HIGHER... LEFT...

TWO-HANDED DIAGONAL SWEEPS...

GIVE AN ITCHY BACK AN INCH AND IT WILL TAKE A MILE!

CIRCLES... SPIRALS... STARS... FIGURE EIGHTS...

COMIC BOOK

DICK COOK

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THAT SNOWMAN YOU BUILT FOR HAMLET ISN'T AS BIG AS IT WAS A MONTH AGO...

I KNOW...

MUCH LIKE HUMANS, SNOWMEN TEND TO SHRINK WITH AGE

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I'M NOT AFRAID TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS..

... IF ALL ELSE FAILS.

Panel 1: DILBERT: I'LL TAPE A PENCIL TO HIS HAND AND USE IT TO SIGN OFF ON A RAISE FOR ME.

Panel 2: WALLY: THAT WOULD BE SO UNETHICAL. HICCUP. MAY I HAVE TEN PERCENT?

Panel 3: WALLY: THAT HICCUP DAMAGED MY MORAL COMPASS.

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WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE

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MANAGED TO GET OUT OF THE RAT RACE ONLY TO END UP IN THE BRAT RACE

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R. Kean
 1000 Park Ave. N.
 W. 1000 Park Ave. N.

Jeff
 Bill Kean

"Jeffy! Don'tcha know it's against the law to sing carols after Christmas?"

THE RHYMES WITH CHANGE GUIDE TO AVOIDING STINKY MOVIES

LOOK FOR THESE KEY ELEMENTS IN THE NEWSPAPER AD

THE ONE-WORD PLUG
 "WOW!" is most likely the short version of "NOW! What a stinky movie!"

THE ANONYMOUS RADIO STATION
 Why are their call letters never familiar? Do they really play music, or do they spend all day writing reviews?

A PITCH FOR THE SOUNDTRACK
 Often, a sure-fire clue that the dialogue is less compelling than the background music.

KEEP THIS HO-DAY SEASON STINKY-MOVIE FREE!

Hot Hits by Smokey Fish, Q.T.R., Mandy Yuncle, & The Sniff-Lickers!

COLUMBIA (new eng) **WARNER BROS.** **WARNER BROS.**

HEADS UP! PAGE 18

For Friday, Dec. 29, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try to connect with someone who shares similar goals for the future.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You find yourself feeling uncharacteristically wild and free.

GEMINI (May 21 to Jun. 20) You respond to the season turns it into an item of mass appeal. Spend time with people who can truly appreciate your brilliance.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take a moment to really think things through rather than reacting instantly.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Behave yourself or face the consequences. Leo Unfortunately in order to enjoy all the benefits of the adult world you have to at least try to act the part.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Look at a change as an opportunity to experiment. You might learn things that will revolutionize your life. At the very least you will have fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your smile is genuine, and your embrace is enormous. Try something you've never done before, and you'll surprise yourself greatly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Keep your hands steady and find reasons to laugh from the heart.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You encounter some radical people and ideas. Keep your mind open to the possibility of change, and you'll be surprised at the results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A real commitment brings an instant return. You might not yet be ready to decide, but your list of possibilities is growing rapidly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Your current emotional state might earn you some strange new bedfellows. You are filled with a sense of adventure and curiosity.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Finally things are growing calm and stable on your domestic front.

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"Isn't that where his 'The Buck Stops Here' sign used to be?"

CAXVTRPNLIJHFHDB
YXVTRYPEOMKIOGE
DSBZTXRWNUOUET
RQJSOINILORLSGJ
IJUIFGEOYEEEOEDF
ORANELDODCIGDEA
YXOYZMTNWNNIOTV
TBSZBRARPOAGCLN
LKIJEEPSTERLTIJ
IWGV3REVEFDLOGF
SEOSREWOPNEIRAD

Wednesday's unlisted clue: **DAM**

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: **A LARGE OUTDOOR FIRE**

Anderoo	Goldfever 3	Lando	Rusty
Darren Powers	House Doctor	Lenora	Sjerm
Gigolo	Jaybee	Over To You	Swuzzle In
Giltedge	Jeeperster	Raner	

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For solution, see Classified.

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1 Not a part of from the start	34 Kind of diet	sometimes
8 Extra	37 Exclamatory best-selling author?	62 Hardly a person for all seasons
15 "South Pacific" song	39 Owning money	DOWN
16 Like some shares	40 Love lots	1 Answer that's an example of itself
17 Exclamatory actor?	41 Suffix with count	2 Belafonte song opener
19 Surf sound	42 Mousehawk	3 One of Chetkov's Three Sisters
20 Naldi of the Ziegfeld Follies	43 Hot	4 Sloop slip
21 Makes a switch	44 Old New Yorker cartoonist Hoff	5 How'er
22 Big-chinned chinner	48 Furry "Star Wars" creature	6 Breadwinner
23 Sat's woe	48 Utter	7 Cook's exhortation
24 Comparatively plenty	51 Old-time oath	8 Watchdog org.?
29 L.A. Clippers are in it	52 Become unhinged	9 WWW address
30 Physique, informally	56 Exclamatory basketball star?	10 Sparrow's spot
	59 Hex hatters	11 Bows
	60 Coach Joe of Penn State	12 Actress Turner

CBS	HEBOMB	OSCAR	18	Spinies
HAM	ORSER	FEAST	21	British prep school
AVE	TRUEOR	FALSE	22	1944 battle site
ROLEO	SNARL		23	What shifty eyes do
MULTIPLE	CHOICE		24	Farming major
ALOE	ANIMA		25	Early times
TROT	SACRED	TAB	26	Burns and Allen, e.g.
RIMS	ESSAY	VEIL	27	Jacob's first wife
IDA	RYHAND	IDLE	28	Drminish
BONGO	GIAO		29	Man with an estate
FILLIN	THE	BLANK	31	"What now?"
OSSIE	OAKEN		32	Library system pioneer
SHORTANSWER	RUE			
EERIE	ELIOT	ORA		
CLEAR	RATES	NOD		

"I refuse to believe it," exclaimed the club optimist "If trumpets behave, I have an easy road to two overtricks. How could losing one simple finesse lead to a swing of three tricks?" The club pessimist had an eye-opening answer. How would he have played the hand? The optimist won dummy's club ace and immediately led a trump, his queen going to West's king. West cashed his club queen and shifted to hearts. South took his ace and cashed his trump ace bringing more bad news — West was due another trump trick. Faced with the necessity of avoiding a diamond loser, South finessed the wrong way, and instead of winning overtricks, South suffered an embarrassing one down. Why did South go wrong in diamonds? It was a slightly better percentage play. East was short in trumps and was therefore more likely to have the diamond queen. The pessimist places little faith in finessing or overtricks. He takes the sure route to scoring 10 winners. After winning dummy's club ace, he cashes his trump ace and eliminates hearts by ruffing dummy's third heart. Then he exits smartly in clubs. Whoever wins this trick must help South. If either defender leads diamonds, South gets a free finesse. If a trump is led, South loses only one trump trick. And finally if a defender exits in clubs, South enjoys a sluff and ruff to cinch the game.

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon first, Bill Bremer, second, John Chappell second Jane Donn, Bruce Rubin Sunday evening, first, Bill Barrington, Joe Fortino, second/Third, Mary Walsh, Mike Walsh Cameron Ross George Valette Monday afternoon Novice/Intermediate Game 1 NS Janet Gillen, Nancy Goodbold, 2 NS, Al Roussin Trudy Roussin 1 EW, Marilyn LaFleur, Linda McGraw, 2 EW Nancy Bentley, Sarah Florito Monday evening, first Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon, second, Jim Ineich Jr Jim Ineich, Tuesday evening, first, Doug Lyon, George Valette, second, Natalie Gordon, Bill Oliver, Wednesday evening, first, Jane Donn, Josh Donn, second John Chappell, Bruce Rubin, Thursday morning Teaching Game 1 NS, Walter Dodge, Pauline Filsinger, 2 NS Al Ross Larry Spooner, 1 EW, Gerri Herold, Sydney Howes 2/3 EW, Anne Halverson, Petie Halverson, Millie Albrigo, Glenys Tobin, Thursday evening, first/second, Bill Barrington, Edie Eschman, Matt Baur, George Valette Friday morning first Bruce Rubin, Larry Sunser second, Allene Hurling, Larry Spooner Friday evening first Jane Donn, Bruce Rubin, second, Sharon Ausman, Allene Hurling, Saturday evening, 1 NS, James Donn Bruce Rubin, 2 NS, John Gilstrap, Evie Schall 1 EW, Cliff Donn Josh Donn 2 EW, Judy Bailey, Janet Sinclair

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Puzzle by Nancy Solomon and Harvey Estes

34 Garbage barge	48 Voluminous volume	54 "___ and the King" (Foster film)
35 Like a moonscape	50 Homecoming guest	55 Lowly laborer
36 Bro	51 Petrol brand	57 Giant of old
38 Like plow horses	52 Lot	58 From ___ Z
43 Goodson's game show partner	53 Benchmark	
44 Bob for one		
45 Red Sea nation		
47 Aristophanes comedy with "The"		
48 Pillow cover		

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